

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Terminal Disclaimer

1. The terminal disclaimer filed on June 26, 2009 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US Patent No. 6,751,608 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.
2. Claims 29-36 and 47 are presented for examination.
3. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephonic interview with Mr. Timothy G. Newman, Reg. No. 34,228, on September 14, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 29,

line 1, before "method", --computer-implemented--has been added.

Claim 30,

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line 1, before “method”, --computer-implemented--has been added.

Claim 31,

line 1, before “method”, --computer-implemented--has been added.

Claim 32,

line 1, before “method”, --computer-implemented--has been added.

Claim 33,

line 1, before “method”, --computer-implemented--has been added.

Claim 34,

line 1, before “method”, --computer-implemented--has been added.

Claim 35,

line 1, before “method”, --computer-implemented--has been added.

Claim 36,

line 1, before “method”, --computer-implemented--has been added.

Claim 47,

line 1, before “method”, --computer-implemented--has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 29-36 and 47 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest individually or in combination detecting when a first resource is requested of the resource server; identifying a second resource that is requested from said resource server within a time period following the request for the first resource; determining a probability that said resource will also be requested if said first resource is requested; and if said probability satisfies a minimum threshold then associating said first resource and said second resource in a volume as set forth in the independent claim 29, and creating a volume of resources from a plurality of resources available to a server, each of said plurality of resources having an associated directory prefix, analyzing the directory prefix of each of a said plurality of resources; dividing the resources into a plurality of subsets based on matching directory prefixes of the resources to a predetermined prefix level and associating resources in at least one of said plurality of subsets in a respective volume, wherein each said volume includes an identifier for each resource associated with the respective volume as set forth in the independent claim 34,

Claims 30-33, 35, 36 and 47 further limiting to claims 29 and 34 are also allowed.

The closest prior art, Logue et al., US Patent No. 5,935,207, teaches mirroring of Web sites, notifying mirrored site administrators of hits, and allocation of the Web's content among mirroring servers based upon the Uniform Resource Locator (URL). The closest prior art fails to anticipate or render Applicant's limitations above obvious.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy N. Pardo whose telephone number is 571-272-4082. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wayne Young can be reached on 571-272-7582. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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